

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013 at 12:00 PM

City Hall, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan Wisconsin
Third Floor Conference Room

Present: Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Greg Ryan, Kevin Struck, Mark Albert, Mayor Vandersteen, John Hill, Brian Schwaller, Daryl Carlson, Damian Nevers, Chad Pelishek, and Pete Pittner (quorum present)

Excused: Ted Vallis, Laura Gumm, Mark Pawasarat, and Aaron Brault

Citizen Observer: Mike Moltenberg

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. by Ald. Carlson (quorum present) with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Sept. 12, 2013 minutes were approved.

Report on Green Tier Resolution – Chad Pelishek said the resolution would be brought up for a vote by the Common Council on Monday, Nov. 18, 2013. Mike Moltenberg (Acuity) expressed concern that the Green Tier Charter would be a binding contract between the city and the DNR, which in turn could affect larger companies in the city, regarding parking restrictions, for example. Chad said he would get City Attorney McLean's opinion on the binding nature of the Green Tier Charter before presenting it to the Council.

Setting Directions with Focus Groups

Education & Promotion- Jeanne Kliejunas said their group would connect with the Planning and Development and encouraged the Mayor to communicate regularly through the media regarding all city projects including sustainability. The focus group was willing to help the mayor with this. Mayor Vandersteen has a monthly community TV program that highlights city concerns, and he is working with some high school students in its production.

Energy – This group has worked with DPW – LED lighting projects due by June 1st, 2014. It was suggested that connecting with the police and fire departments could also help sustainability issues in purchasing and energy usage. Green Tier guidelines could also help in this area.

Transportation & Planning – Hot in-place asphalt is still being considered. Public transportation is a definite sustainability issue affecting many people.

Water & Natural Resources – The water treatment plant has made great strides in methane conversion, and the focus group should connect with them.

It was noted that more individual connections need to be made with city departments by the focus groups so that working, cooperative relationships can develop.

Action for next meeting – *The focus groups need to actually contact department leaders before next meeting to establish a connection and learn how, and if, they could actually help the city departments regarding sustainability issues.*

Next meeting – Jan. 9, 2014 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary